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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

ATTENTION: Assistant to the DD/I (Planning)

SUBJECT: Intelligence Communications and Related Procedures

1. All Divisions and Staffs of this Office are primarily interested in the collection of intelligence information. Therefore, any communications system which would a) assure fast and secure transmittal of information from the field to Headquarters and, b) rapid dissemination of this information to consumers, would be of the greatest interest.



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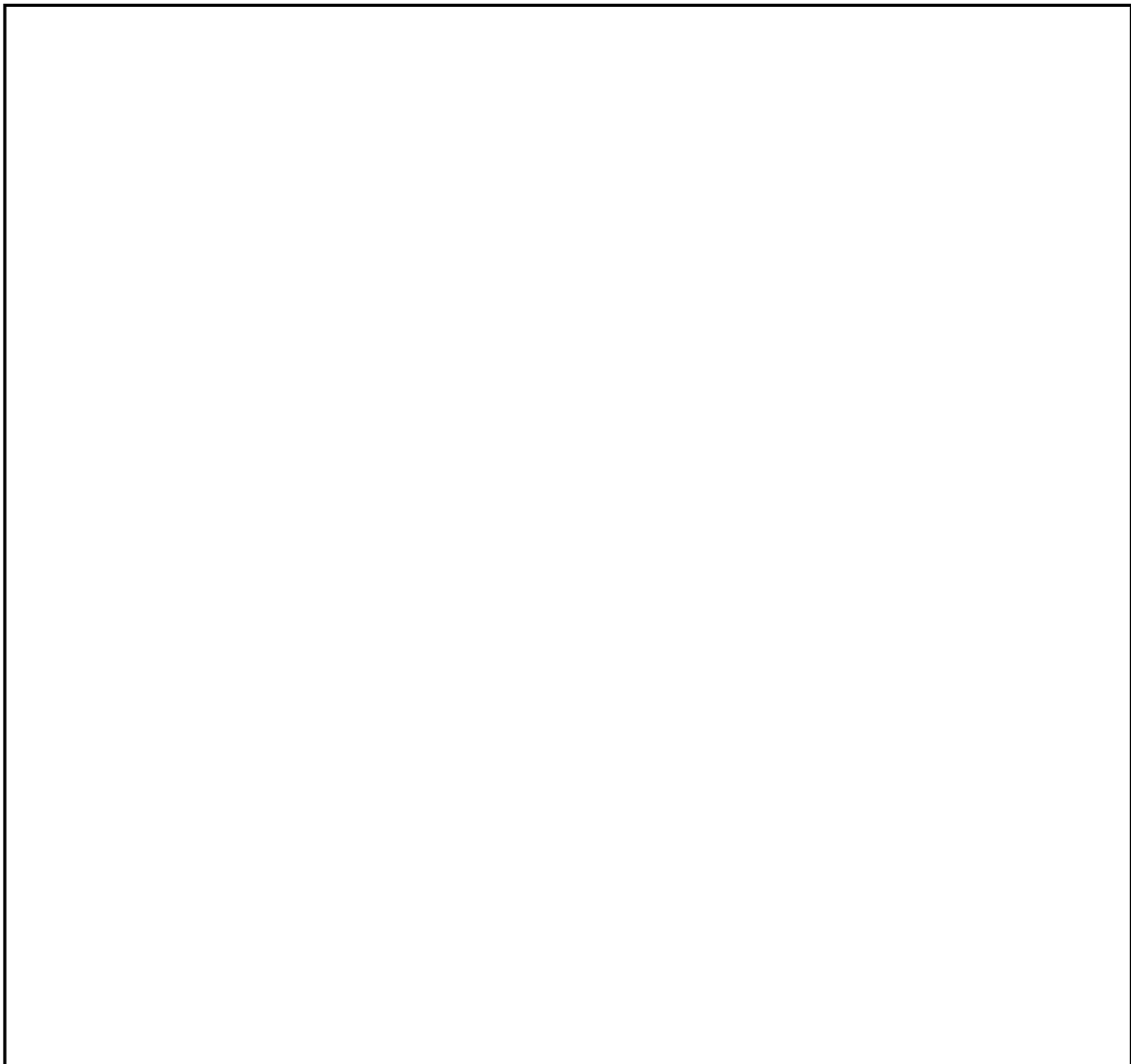
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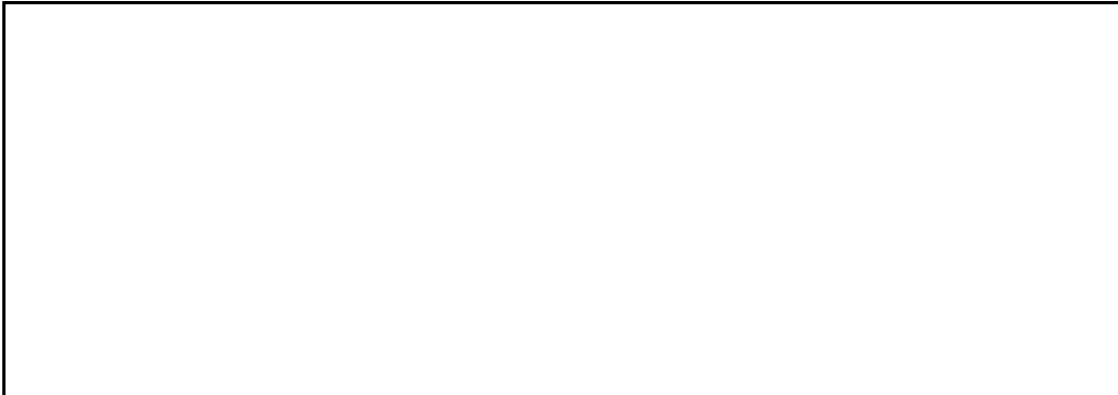
4. The communication [REDACTED] Contact Division would appear to substantially comply with the requirements for the model system described in your memorandum. However, in the event of a hot war, all Service communication networks would be so overloaded with operational traffic that the Divisions might well receive a very low priority.

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5. A communications network which would tie into Washington all domestic and foreign stations of CIA would be enormously expensive and if expanded to include the communications of the rest of the intelligence community, it might appear almost prohibitive. However, as you have pointed out, such a large expenditure might well in the end prove to be a savings.

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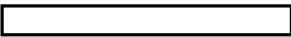
7. I have been advised that recent perfection of traveling-wave oscillator tubes has vastly increased the ability of all nations to jam communications.

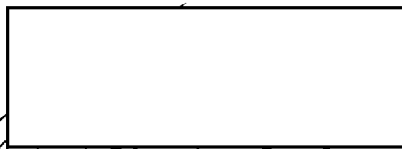


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8. It must be borne in mind that even if a world-wide communications setup is established for the intelligence community, there would always be a strong possibility that in time of war this network would be taken over by the military for operational and command traffic.

9.  Contact Division can be of any assistance in future planning, please advise me.



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